where institutional exposure was nominal or finance was under Equipment Finance Scheme of IFCI, nominee directors had not been appointed.

Mettur Textile Mills, Tamil Nadu

468. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Mettur Textiles Mills in Tamil Nadu has been sick; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to make it viable?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Mettur Textile Mills is lying closed since 16-7-85, and was classified as sick by Reserve Bank of India as at the end of June, 1986.

(b) The Nodal Agency found Mettur Textile Mills to be non-viable unless substantial interest free funds were inducted into it. The Government of Tamil Nadu is reportedly preparing a comprehensive scheme for the revival of the mill.

State-wise progress in waiving of loans to farmers

469. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise progress made in the waiving of loans to farmers and village artisans;

(b) what are the targets fixed for the current year; and

(c) what are the details of advices being given to the States in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The details of the Scheme for providing debt relief to various categories of persons are being formulated in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Boosting up of Tourism Industry

470. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that if the current declining trend in tourism continues, the tourism industry which was expected to double its foreign exchange earnings during the Eighth Plan period would register a decline in the first year of the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to contain the declining trend and to boost up tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) There is no declining trend in the total foreign tourist traffic to the country.

(b) Does not arise.